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You must notify beekeepers not less than 24 hours and not more than 72 hours prior to the time of an application of pesticide labeled as toxic to bees. Following this rule is important in preventing unnecessary bee kills.

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